

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA**

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Penney Morse and Jim Cross (Media). Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk reported on an opinion from the Iowa Attorney General's office regarding Iowa Code section 59A.13 which addresses continuation of group health insurance for employees who retire before reaching age 65. The County Attorney had posed questions regarding the County's obligations under the terms of the statute and whether the county may extend insurance benefits voluntarily to a retired employee and the employee's family members after age 65 and until the employee qualifies for Medicare. County Attorney stated that the Attorney General's office declined to issue an opinion. The County Attorney recommended the BOS establish a new written policy on the matter.

Penney Morse reported on interviews with two consultants regarding contracting with consulting services to assist the Mitchell County Historic Preservation Commission in preparation of a planning for preservation project. After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the subcontract with the consultant subject to approval from the County Attorney. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Rich Brumm reported that CFI (Croell & Subsidiary) of New Hampton turned in the low bid of \$5,794,996.81 for the 2011 paving project. County Engineer recommended that the Board accept the bid and have the Chair sign the contract. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to award Contract #66-C066-053 to CFI and authorize the Chair to sign the contract. Roll call vote: all ayes. Rich stated that the rock run for this summer will be put out for bids. Roads department is grading roads and will soon start patching asphalt roads.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the minutes of the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve a fireworks permit for Joel Nickerson at 2089 440<sup>th</sup> Street, Osage, for the dates of June 25, 2011 and December 31, 2011. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve increasing the County mileage rate from 45 cents per mile to 51 cents per mile effective May 1, 2011. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Items of note: Walk reported on the RC&D meeting, Voaklander reported on the County Social Services meeting and a tour of the Courthouse with a structural engineer from WHKS and Marreel reported on the NIVC meeting. Manure management plan updates were received from Friesen Farms North, East and Liberty 34 Site all owned by Myron Friesen and Osage River City Egg owned by Ron McDonough. Effective April 17, 2011, Belvia Lovik, HCAIII, received a salary step increase to \$12.68 per hour. Effective April 24, 2011, Dana Thompson, HCA III, received a salary step increase to

\$12.68 per hour.

Dennis Renner of Renner & Birchem, P.C. reviewed Mitchell County's Independent Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2010. After the review, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to accept the exit report. Roll call vote: all ayes.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

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Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors